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Greetings of The Vaad Ha'lr

The Vice-Presidents of the Vaad Ha'Ir, Mr. Thos. Sachs and Mr. S. J. Ritt, send this message to the community:

"During the past years it was customary for the President of the Vaad Ha'Ir, Mr. A. J. Freiman (of blessed memory) to send a New Year message to all of us. Fate willed it that this year we cannot read such a message. Of one thing, however, we may be certain: we can continue to act in the spirit of his life by preserving the harmony he created in our community and by supporting the many good causes that were dear to him. With victory clearly in sight, let us hope the New Year will bring as its greatest blessing the safe return of our men in the Armed Forces, and may the re-union with their families be marked by health and happiness."

Vaad Ha'lr Secretary Leaving

Mr. L. Harry Goldman, a popular member of the younger set in communal activity and the secretary of the Vaad Ha'Ir since its inception, is leaving the city to enter business in Fredericton, N. B., the home of his wife, the former Amelia Levine. Mr. Goldman was honoured before his departure, by the Committee that supervises the activities of the local Air Cadet Squadron, which he served as Adjutant, and by the Vaad Ha'Ir at a general meeting of that body.

There is a feeling throughout the community that it is no polite formula but a real truth: Ottawa's loss is Fredericton's gain.

Rabbi's Secretary Wanted

The Rabbi is looking for a young woman who can take shorthand and type, to help out in the office about 3 hours each week day either morning or afternoon.

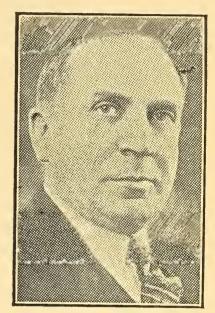
Rabbi's New Year Greeting

The departing year 5704 will remain forever in the mind of Ottawa Jewry because of two important events, the one very sad and the other very glorious. The Almighty took from us the leader of whom we had been so deeply proud for forty years of communal service, Mr. A. J. Freiman (of blessed memory) and the void will be keenly felt for a very long time. It was our privilege, however, to see him lay the foundation, also in that fateful year, of a Synagogue and Community Centre project with a measure of success so full that it thrilled even the most optimistic prophets.

The New Year will no doubt witness major changes in the world picture that will make a tremendous impact upon our local plans. With a hope that results from the progress of our armed forces we must be prepared to meet the problems of peace in both the readjustment of individuals and the shifting of emphasis in the community. No longer shall we be able to excuse any neglect or oversight in the program of Ottawa Jewry by the plea that the conditions of war prevented us from doing what is necessary. If, indeed, surrounded by the worries and the sorrows of a bombed and battered civilization, we yet had the courage and the vision to undertake the campaign for a vitally needed institution in our midst, then surely the advent of a time in which tension has been greatly reduced ought to spur us on to still greater concentration. Organizations that devoted their thought and effort to war requirements should be ready, the moment such obligations fall from their shoulders, to direct their interest to the Synagogue-Centre idea.

In saying these things I do not for an instant forget that peace will open for us many new doors of duty towards helping in the physical and spiritual renaissance of the broken Jewries in Europe. We may expect to be called upon for heroic sacrifices in that field, and those who will then be looking to us will surely be justified in awaiting our most generous response. For this reason I trust that the heart of the men

Lives Forever



A. J. FREIMAN 1880 — 1944

Shabbos and Yomtov Candles

Sept. 15	6.58
" 17 (R. H.)	6.52
" 22	6.42
" 26 (Y. K.)	6.34
" 29	6.28
Oct. 1 (Suc.)	6.24
" 6	6.15
" 8 (Suc. VIII)	6.12
" 13	6.03

and women here will be big enough to make provision for each of these two calls; namely, the appeal of our local program and the appeal of the overseas European-Palestinean situation.

Let us pray, therefore, for the swift ending of this bloody struggle, for the effective rescue of our surviving brethren on the other side, for the establishment of a recognized Jewish Commonwealth in the Holy Land, and for the safe return of all our boys in uniform. I conclude with the traditional words, may you be inscribed for a year that is good every way!

The Ottawa Jewish Bulletin

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PROSPECTS.

All of us expect great things of the year 5705. We are confident that Germany will be finally defeated before it is over, and we are hopeful that Japan, too, will capitulate before another Rosh Hashono comes. We feel that the restoration to normalcy of those Jews who were fortunate enough to escape from the Nazi death-chambers will also take its initial steps in the year before us. The encouraging reports published by chaplains on the fighting fronts about the thirst for the living waters of Judaism lead us to think that the returning servicemen will strengthen the various Jewish programs functioning in our communities; while the endless stream of stories and anecdotes about Jews, Protestants and Catholics working in close harmony in the armed forces builds up the belief that we shall see

more genuine good will everywhere.

Yet, if we wish to be honest with ourselves, grave and manifold are the possibilities for major losses in the wake of a military triumph. There are, for example, a perilous number of industrialists and big business magnates who are eagerly awaiting the advent of peace in order to cut down the gains that working people have acquired since 1939, so that already the union leaders are embattled on the defensive and unpleasant tensions are arising. That there is a specific Jewish angle to this general situation arises from two principal factors; namely, that Judaism has ever taken up the cudgels in behalf of the laborer, whose interests it was usually much harder to protect than those of the employer, and secondly, that Jewish youth the world over views the espousal of labor's cause as its own high calling. Again, with the overwhelming number of every land's youth in places where their influence cannot make itself felt on local issues, the orators at home have had a glorious time promising everybody that the young people will decide the future; but once these same young people return to their native ground, will the veterans really surrender the reins of political and economic management to them? At a distance the soldier is a hero; back home, minus the uniform, will he not be cried down for his attempt to revise the old order and make room for the better conditions he was promised?

Perhaps, however, no menace is so serious as that which may arise from the spiritual letdown that can conceivably follow the supreme effort of war days. The restraint war taught us in our prejudices—let us say, not to ridicule names that end in "sky", because of what Rokossovsky and Chierniachovsky signify on the road to victory—will, unless we remain alert, be suddenly loosened, and ancient bigotries will stalk once more through a careless society. How strong that tendency can become is visible in this observation:

what a priest, minister or rabbi says in his sermon will not often be obeyed in entirety by the congregation, but what he shouts against other creeds or nationalities in bitterness is registered indelibly on all the minds except those of rare enlightenment.

The total adds up to a situation in which the postwar world we trust to have with us shortly will represent vast opportunities and vast temptations. To do the right thing will mean to protect civilization for generations, and, conversely, to be guilty of error will be equivalent to a betrayal of the aims for which the struggle was carried on. The prospects are then both glorious and dangerous. Prospects of that nature have called forth a magnificent response in our soldiers, sailors and airmen; may our civilians meet the challenge in that same high spirit.

THE ETERNAL QUESTION.

Whenever Jews meet, the question arises, "What are we doing for our children? What are we doing to prepare the next generation for Judaism? Will there be any considerable number of our sons and daughters who will care about matters of Jewish interest?"

If that problem is commonly raised during the year, it most certainly deserves our attention during the sober days of this season. The approaching festivals remind us that the Synagogue is by no means a dead institution. It would be unwise to neglect the opportunities that well filled High Holiday Synagogues For three days, at least, Jewish men and women assemble in large numbers for worship, and they cannot but wonder about the probability of their children doing likewise. The sad side of the story results from the forgetfulness that shadows the best of human resolutions. A decision is made on Yom Kippur to see to it that the chidren will receive the Jewish education that will enable them to participate intelligently in the service; the decision is then somehow buried in the pages of the Machzor when it is put away until next What would happen if enrollment of children in the Hebrew School were made part of the Yom Kippur service? It would be interesting to observe a recess called immediately before the Yizkor service to allow the parents to report to a Talmud Torah Committee that very moment the names of the children they will send to the School. Unfortunately, the registration of the children does not take place until the next day or the next week, when the thought of education sort of dims out along with the stilled pangs of hunger. The years roll along. The discovery comes that the children have not been prepared to understand what goes on in the Synagogue. Conscientous Jewish leaders then must use all their inventive genius to plan forms of Jewish action from which this kind of youth will not feel excluded. How much healthier things would have been had those years not been lost.

Perhaps your children are still very young. In the name of your Jewish peace of mind get them started on their Hebrew education. Let them grow with it naturally. They ought not to feel that the Judaism practised by their parents will never be within their scope. Do not let things ride today and later complain that facilities for modern Jewish youth are lacking. It is knowledge that is lacking and that makes it imperative to devise new styles of Jewish activity. Given a thorough educational background, our children can appreciate the beauty of our impressive ritual, and they will be happy to take their share in it. Resolve now to send them to the Hebrew School,

and act—yes, act—to carry out the resolution.

Overseas Honor Roll

Since the last issue of the Bulletin, the following men have arrived overseas on active service:

Appotive, Sgt. R.

Brahinsky, Pte. II.

Breatross, LAC J.

Carlofsky, LAC A.

Cornblat, GC 1.

Fonberg, Sgt. R.

Gordon, LAC D.

Hanser, Sgt. S.

Kahansky, Sgt. W.

Kapinsky, Sgt. B.

Karmazin, Sgmn. A.

Miller, LAC P.

Mirsky, Maj. M.

Monson, II/Capt. D.

Palmer, Pte. B.

Parnass, AC J.

Solman, Pte. G.

Swedlove, Cfm J.

Torontow, FO C.

If you know of any others, please get in touch with the Overseas Mailing Chairman, Mr. D. Mirsky, at 3-0676.

Killed on Active Service

Ptc. Morris Glanzberg was killed in Normandy on July 9, according to official word sent to his brother in Ottawa, Mr. Carl Glanzberg.

Memorial Printed

The Vand Ha'Ir will shortly issue as a memorial in pamphlet form the Eulogy Rabbi O, Z. Fasman delivered at the funeral of Mr. A. J. Freiman. The public tribute paid by the Prime Minister of Canada will appear as a Foreword.

Hi-Lites of Air Cadet Summer Camp

Rabbi Fasman saw the boys off at the Station, and gave them a few words of fitting advice.

Services were held at Camp under the spiritual guidance of Rabbi Shapiro, of Belleville.

All enjoyed thir first flying experiences. No one was hurt; no one was sick.

The courses of instruction planned for the boys were educational as well as entertaining.

AC. Teddy Simon was our lone winner in the boxing tournament.

All Cadets observed splendid discipline, and were a credit to the Officers, the Squadron, and our Community.

The Squadron is commencing operations again, and all boys interested are urged to contact the Officers or Cadets of the Squadron. The Officers are F/L J. J. Barrett, F/O M. Shaffer and F/O S. Gertsman.

Your Rabbi Said -

Too many Jews want a picture Judais.n: the kind that may be admired and praised but will not talk back in criticism of their imperfections The ancient Hehrew laws against slander and gossip take on tremendous importance in an age when the radio, movie and news column reach all the world, and when to libel entire peoples becomes a matter of political strategy Lest the people think they were doing Moses a personal favour in obeying the Torah, he was admonished to begin his teachings. "I am the Lord"; and yet to this day there are Jews who think their rabli owes them a personal vote of thanks for every precept they observe While ne laments the weak support accorded the Sabbath on religious grounds, he wonders why the ardent champious of Jewish nationalism make no efforts in its behalf on nationalistic grounds...... R linion is the sharing, not the shifting. of burdens.

Thanks From Italy

Capt. I. B. Rose has written to Rabbi Fasman, among other things, as follows:

"A chap in the Cdn. Army here, Pte. Silver of Toronto, asked me to drop a letter to James St. Shule in thanks for the fine way he was treated there on Sunday mornings when he was in Ottawa several years ago. He had not forgotten a good turn. I saw him just on the eve of his going into battle".

NOTES FOR HISTORY

The deep friendship of W. L. Mackenzie King, Prime Minister of Canada, for A. J. Freiman was touchingly displayed whan he came to pay his last respects at the Adath Jeshurun Synagogue, even though the funeral service was held on D-Day.

The Prime Minister stood at attention while the Rabbi read an Invasion Prayer. Thus, by a turn of fate, the head of a great country participated in a D-Day Service in a Jewish house of worship.

BOYS PAST BAR MITZVAH

The Hanoar Study and Brakfast Club will begin its meetings after Succoth under the experienced leadership of Director Hy Bessin and Assistant Director, Yale Greenberg. The Club is open to all Jewish boys past Bar Mitsvah.

Details of the program will be announced at the proper time.

The Vaad Ha'Ir Committee that supervises the Club activities is headed by Mr. L. S. Greenberg.

WORLD SCHOLAR COMING HERE

Dr. Walter Fischell of the Hebrew University, Jerusalem, will address an open meeting in Ottawa at the Talmud Torah Hall on Thursday night. September 21st. He is tourning Canada under the auspices of the Friends of the Hebrew University, and his lectures have amazed large gatherings of Jews and Christians alike by revealing the remarkable contribution to the war effort made by the world-renowned institution on Mount Scopus.

Mr. Alan Bronfman, the president of the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University, will accompany Dr. Fischel in his visit here.

Service Centre Again Open

The Jewish Service Centre at 228 Albert Street re-opened, September 5th. The service men and women were very happy to come back after our summer vacation.

A well attended at Home was held at the Centre on Sunday afternoon, September tenth.

Anyone wishing to help the centre can get in touch with the following Chairmen:

General Chairman, Mrs. A. H. Lieff, 8-2791.

Volunteer workers, Mrs. M. Goldberg, 8-0934.

Junior Hostesses, Mrs. E. Gittleson, 8,4955W.

Dessert donations, Mrs. B. Sanders, 8-0156W.

Jewish Service Center, 5,7621.

Treasurer, Mrs. M. Rosman, 8-2198.

Rec. Sec'y, Mrs. H. Wener, 4-2019. Corr. Secretary, Mrs. M. Greenberg, 8-1312J.

Plans are being made to give hospitality to all service personel during the High Holidays. If you would like to entertain one or more members of the armed forces, please call Mrs. L. Petegorsky, 3-7325.

Talmud Torah Re-Opens Classes

The Ottawa Tahmud Torah resumed its Hebrew classes the day after Labour Day, by welcoming back all its former pupils and received an encouraging number of new children. This year the Talmud Torah is functioning not only at the main branch 171 George St., but also in the Uptown district at the James Street Synagogue, and in the West End at the Connaught School.

Mr. J. Gordon, the well-known and popular Hebrew pedagogue, has joined the regular staff. He will be in charge of the classes in the West End and in the Uptown Branches.

If your child has not yet been enrolled, telephone at once to the principal, Rabbi B. Kravetz, at 4-1524.

When Germany Surrenders

Germany cannot last much longer. Congregations everywhere are planning special services to mark the occasion of her surrender.

The Jewish community is advised by the Rabbi as follows. The day that Germany surrenders we shall assemble for a service of gratitude in the Cong. Adath Jeshurun, 375 King Edward Avenue. The hour depends upon when the good news arrives. If the announcement comes during the day, the service will be held at 8.00 p.m., and if during the night, the service will be held at 9.30 a.m.

For the day of the surrender and the rest of the week the prayer of Tachnun, which is omitted on festive occasions, is to be omitted both in the synagogue and in private worship.

"It is my hope", says the Rabbi, "that it will not be necessary to tax the memory for any great length of time in these matters".

BLOOD DONORS!

Mrs. O. Z. Fasman, Jewish represent ative on the Publicity Committee of the Red Cross Blood Donors Clinic, has requested that any new volunteers who are going to give blood for the first time kindly get in touch with her.

New donors are needed immediately, since recent campaigns have made tremendous demands upon the blood banks to save lives. Sometimes the blood of twenty donors is required to save one man from death.

Give blood and save life!

HEBREW SUNDAY SCHOOL SEPT.. 24th.

The Ottawa Hebrew Sunday School will meet for the first time this year on Sunday, Sept. 24, at 10.00 a.m. in the Osgood St. School. A new idea will be tried out when the older girls of the Talmud Torah will study together with the older girls of the Hebrew Sunday School under the direction of Rabbi O. Z. Fasman. The plan calls for a united graduation, in which the Talmud Torah girls will be granted a more advanced diploma to show their successful completion of Talmud Torah subjects in addition to History and Current Events.

War Services!

As we go to press we are informed that the Vaad Ha'l' has set up the nucleus of a committee to conduct a War Services Campaign, with M. B. Abrams and A Shaffer as co-chairman, I. B. Stone as treasurer, and S. Lepofsky as Captain of Captains. The full committee will be announced shortly.

The funds are used for sending parcels to our boys overseas, for servicemen in hospitals in this area, for the Service Center, Hadassah Sewing Rooms, etc.

SYNAGOGUE LIFE

Cong. Machzihei Hadath, Murray St., recently elected Mr. Kellerman of Owen Sound as Shammes.

Cong. Adath Jeshurun is this year selling the 2-volume Adler Machzor, with English translation, at an exceptionally reasonable price to members.

Cong. Agudath Achim is the first to put into its Library the beautiful new Shass (set of Talmud) published in the U.S.A. An appropriate ceremony will be held in the near future at which time the name of the donor will be made known.

PLAYGROUND.

The Talmud Torah has purchased the large lot behind its present building with the purpose of developing it into a playground for the Talmud Torah children. The boys and girls will no longer be tempted to run into the street in order to carry on their games. The scheme calls for a skating rink in winter.

Community Centre

At the last meeting of the Executive Committee of the Community Center and Synagogue project, it was decided to publish the financial statement in booklet form, listing the names of the contributors, the amount pledged and the amount paid up. (The amount paid should be as of this date at least 20% of the amount pledged.) You are urged to check your books and make sure that your name will appear in good standing.

1944 - High Holiday Services - 5705

H/Capt. Oscar Z. Fasman. Rabbi. ROSH HASHANAH begins Sunday evening, Sept. 17th.

YOM KIPPUR begins Tuesday evening, Sept. 26th.

CONGREGATION ADATH JESHURUN 375 King Edward Ave.

Cantors: Mr. H. Mirsky, Shachrith. Rev. J. Rabin, Musaf (with choir).

Rosh Hashanah Evening, Sept. 17th. Minchah, 6.45 p.m. Maariv, 7.15 p.m. Rosh Hashanah 1, Sept. 18th.

 Sounding of Shofar.
 10.30 a.m.

 Minchah.
 5.00 p.m.

 Maariv (R. H. 11).
 7.30 p.m.

 Rosh Hashanah 11, Sept. 19th.
 Shachrith.

Sounding of Shofar. 10.15 a.m.

Minchah. 6.30 p.m.

Shabbos Shuvah, Sept. 23rd. Shachrith. 9.00 a.m.

YOM KIPPUR, Sept. 26-27th.

Kol Nidre, Sept. 26th. 6.30 p.m. Sermon: "Spiritual Shortages".

Service men and women are cordially invited to join with us in worship.

To our members and friends we extend our sincerest wishes for a year of health and joy. May a victorious peace swiftly bring its blessing to all our homes.

CONGREGATION MACHZIKEI HADATII, 259 Murray Street.

Cantors: Mr. H. Steinman, Shachrith. Rev. A. Baker, Musaf.

ROSH HASHANAH EVENING, Sept. 17th.

Minchah, 6.45 p.m. Maariv, 7.15 p.m. ROSH HASHANAH, Sept. 18-19th.

 Shachrith,
 7.30 a.m.

 The Shofar.
 10.00 a.m.

 Minchah (R. H. 1.)
 5.00 p.m.

 Minchah (R. H. 11.)
 6.30 p.m.

SHABBOS SHUVAH, Sept. 23rd.

Shachrith		9.00	a.m	
Yiddish Sermon	***************************************	10.30	a.m	
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YOM KIPPUR, Sept. 26-27th.

Kol Nic	lre			6.30	p.m
Shachri	th			7.30	a.m.
Yizkor.				10.45	a.m.
Neilah	Sermon:	"The	Need	and	the
nswer".				5.15	p.m.
Shofar.				7.07	p.m.

We pray that all our members and friends, and that Klal Yisroel be inscribed for a year of blessing and peace.

CONGREGATION AGUDATH ACHIM, 417 Rideau Street.

Cantors: Rev. M. Maser, Shachrith, Rev. A. Weiss, Musaf.

Rosh Hashanah Evening, September 17th.

Minchah, 6.45 p.m....Maariv, 7.15 p.m. ROSH HASHANAH 1 & 11 Sept. 18-19th.

 Shachrith.
 7.30 a.m.

 Minchah
 5.00 p.m. (First Day).

 Minchah
 6.30 p.m. (Second Day).

 Maariv.
 7.30 p.m.

SHABBOS SHUVAH, Sept. 23rd.

Shachrith. 9.00 a.m. Drashah of Rav. 5.00 p.m.

YOM KIPPUR, Sept. 26-27th.

Kol Nidre, Sept. 26th............ 6.30 p.m. Shachrith, Sept. 27th.......... 8.00 a.m. Sermon: "Objects and Objectives", 10.15 a.m.

 Yiskor.
 10.45 a.m.

 Neilah.
 5.30 p.m.

 The Shofar.
 7.07 p.m.

Men and Women on active service, we shall be happy to welcome you at every service.

Our congregation prays for the speedy conquest of our foes, for a just peace and the return of our men. Best wishes to our members and friends for a healthy, happy year.

CONGREGATION BNAI JACOB, 54 James Street.

Cantors: Mr. S. Abramowitz, Shachrith,

Rev. S. Schreiber, Musaf.

ROSH HASHANAH EVENING, Sept. ember 17th.

Shachrith. 8.00 a.m.
Sermon (2nd day): "Prospects"
The Shofar. 10.30 a.m.

SHABBOS SHUVAH, September 23rd. 9.00 a.m.

YOM KIPPUR, Sept. 26-27th.

Kol Nidre. 6.30 p.m.
Shachrith. 8.30 a.m.
Shofar. 7.07 p.m.
L'shanah Tova Tikathevu.

FROM MURMANSK CONVOY.

A recent visitor in Ottawa was AB Alex Polowin, the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Polowin. He had many interesting things to say about his work on convoy duty across the Northen Atlantic to Murmansk. The ship on which he served, "The Huron", was engaged in naval action that resulted in a number of casualties, and Alex therefore came to the Synagogue to "Bensch Gomel".

CONGREGATION AGUDATH ISRAEL, Fairmont Avenue.

Cantor. Mr. S. Shapiro.

We are pleased to announce that for the High Holidays this year we have arranged with the assistance of our spiritual leader, Rabbi Fasman, to have as guest preacher Rabbi B. Kravetz, Principal of the Talmud Torah.

ROSH HASHANAH EVENING, Sept. 17th.

YOM KIPPUR, Sept. 26-27th.

Kol Nidre. 6.30 p.m.
Sermon: "Principles of World Peace".
Shachrith. 8.30 a.m.
Sermon: "The Voice of the Departing Soul".

 Memorial Service.
 11.00 a.m.

 Shofar.
 7.07 p.m.

The President and officers extend best wishes for a year of health, happiness and peace.

Service men and women—we have seats for you. Join us in divine worship.

1944 - SUCCOTH - 5705

Succoth, 5705, will begin this year Sunday evening October 1st, with the first two days of the holiday celebrated on Monday and Tuesday, October 2nd and 3rd. Hoshanah Rabah will therefore occur on Sunday, October 8th, Shemini Atzereth on Monday, October 9th and Simchath Torah will be marked by the traditional Hakofoth on Monday evening October 9th and on Tuesday morning, October 10th. (Letters have been sent out by the Secretary of the Vaad Ha'Ir to the respective authorities of the schools in Ottawa, notifying them of the holiday dates, so that the Jewish pupils and students can be absent without sustaining any scholastic losses).

The sermon schedule for Rabbi Oscar Z. Fasman during the holiday is as follows:

Succoth 1, October 2nd, Congregation Agudath Achim "Trembling in Every Direction".

Succoth 11, October 3rd, Congregation Machzikei Hadath "Trembling Roof".

Shabbos, October 7th, Congregation Adath Jeshurun "Tabernacle Walls".

Succoth VIII, October 9th, (Yizkor), Congregation Adath Jeshurun "The Better Self".

In all the Ottawa synagogues services will be held morning and evening during the holiday, and Yizkor will be read about 10 a.m. on Monday morning, October 9th.

Largest Bequest

The bequest of \$25,000.00 to the Zionist Organization of Canada made in the will of the late A J. Freiman is believed to be the largest single bequest in the history of that Organization. It is certainly the largest contribution to any single cause of charity made by a member of the Ottawa Jewish Community.

To the Boys and Girls

The Rabbi issues this call to the boys and girls attending the schools of our city: "This year your respect for your faith will be given a real test. Because the holidays occur during the week you will have to be absent from your classes on Monday and Tuesday, September 17th-18th.

on Wednesday, September 27th

on Monday and Tuesday, October 2nd

on Monday and Tuesday, October 9th and 10th.

I realize that you will have quite a bit of work to make up but I am sure you understand that this is a small sacrifice in comparison with the sacrifices your cousins in Europe have to make because they are Jewish. Furthermore, your own teachers at school will hold a higher opinion of you when they see that you are devoted to your religion. The schools have been informed of the Jewish holiday dates, and they will certainly try to be as helpful as possible. It is your proud duty, however, to accept whatever consequences may result from your absence. Let us see how well the boys and girls of Ottawa carry the banner of our precious Torah.

KILLED IN ACTION

Corporal "Mike" Meyer Litwack, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Litwack of Ottawa, was killed in action in Normandy, according to official word received by his parents. Corporal Litwack enlisted in the Canadian Army shortly after the war broke out, and he was in England for over a year before reaching France. The sympathy of the entire community is extended to the bereaved.

FIRST JEWISH CHAPLAIN IN ITALY

The first Canadian Jewish Chaplain ever to serve on the Italian front is H/Capt. I. B. Rose, the son of Mrs. K. Rose of Ottawa. Capt. Rose is well remembered in the community. During his student days at the Yeshiva College in New York he preached frequently at the Adath Jeshurun Synagogue.

Ottawan Wins D.F.M.

Having participated in an Air Force action that has gone into the annals of Canadian military history as an outstanding exploit in heroism, Flight Sgt. Joseph Bodnoff, the son of Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Bodnoff, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal. Joe was a gunner in the plane whose skipper, F/L D. Hornell received the Victoria Cross posthumously for his courage in the action. In commenting about this event in the history of Canada, which was widely publicized in the press and over the radio, Rabbi Fasman observed that here were a Protestant Sunday School teacher, a Talmud Torah boy, and a Roman Catholic among those in the crew that performed an immortal act in the cause of human liberty.

It is interesting to observe that Flight Sgt. Bodnoff's D.F.M. was recorded as the 36th award made to Canadian Jewish men in this war, of which the small Ottawa Jewish community has earned three. (The other two are Cyril Torontow, A.F.C. and Eli Baker, D.F.C.)

ANOTHER GROUP CAPTAIN

Recently the Bulletin carried the news that Isidore Cornblat of Ottawa is the first Jewish Group Captain (equivalent to the rank of full Colonel in the Army) in the R.C.A.F. Some two months ago another Ottawa man,, Abe Lieff, the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Lieff of 68 Sweetland, was also elevated to the rank of Group Captain. His wife is the former Vera Brodie, niece of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Brodie.

B. PEARL ON HOLIDAY.

The Veteran Secretary of the Congregation Adath Jeshurun and the Honorary Secretary of the Vaad Ha'Ir, Mr. B. Pearl, has left for a lengthy holiday with his children in San Antonio. Texas. His wife accompanied him to attend the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson there, and to spend the winter months in a well-deserved vacation. The Synagogue Board presented Mr. Pearl with a travelling bag shortly before he left the city.

PRISONER OF WAR

Flight Lieut. Eli Baker, D.F.C., who was reported missing three months ago is now listed officially as a prisoner of war. His parents Mr. and Mrs. Jack Baker were notified of the Distinguished Flying Cross award a few days after they had been informed that he was missing, and when they received further word that he was safe and well in a German prison camp, they served Kiddush at the Agudath Israel Synagogue in gratitude.

Summer of Sorrow

The summer of 1944 was a dark period in this Community because of the heavy toll death took among our communal workers.

Mr. A. J. Freiman, Canada's First Jewish Citizen, passed away in the Adath Jeshurun Synagogue dramatically on June 4th, depriving us of a leader universally beloved.

Mrs. Rivka Coplan died the same week removing from our midst a woman who had rendered distinguished service through many years to Hadassah, the Congregation Agudath Achim, the Ottawa Talmud Torah and the Hebrew Free Loan Association.

In the prime of his life, Mr. Benjamin Goldfield, K.C. was called to his eternal rest. He had earned the esteem of his co-religionists by a career of outstanding work in the B'nai Brith, in the Adath Jeshurun Synagogue, in Zionist and Joint Distribution Committee work, and in the Hebrew Benefit Society program.

fowards the close of the summer, young Joel Zagerman, the brilliant son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Zagerman, was taken from us. Though but 16 years of age, he was already regarded as an important communal worker because of his oustanding contribution to the success of the new Community Centre-Synagogue campaign in an address that will never be forgotten, as well as his splendid cooperation in advancing the Hanoar Study and Breakfast Club and the A. Z. A. to unprecedented heights.

FROM RABBI TO PRIESTS.

The Catholic Press in Canada has given considerable space to an unusual event that occured in Ottawa last month. The Congregation Adath Jeshurun presented to the University of Ottawa a valuable ten volume set of the new Universal Jewish Encyclopaedia. Rector of the University, Father Ph. Cornellier, accepted the gift from Rabbi Oscar Z. Fasman, who headed a committee of the Synagogue including the President, L. Petegorsky, the Secretary, B. Pearl and Dr. D. Petegorsky. Father A. M. Morrisset, the Librarian, expressed his thanks to the Synagogue for the thoughtful gift, and the Rector made the acceptance official in a few well-chosen remarks about the need for knowledge, historical and moral, in order to wipe The Rabbi indicated that out evil. through the dissemination of accurate facts misunderstandings are wiped out and social happiness becomes attainable.

MISSING IN ACTION

Flight Sgt. Jack Spevak, the son of Mr. S. Spevak of Ottawa has been reported missing in action over enemy territory. It is the fervent prayer of our community that he be found safe.